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Taxes, abortion among voting issues for students



Graphic by Kate Westergard

WHITNEY FREE STAFF WRITER

If Wartburg students follow national trends, approximately 22 percent will vote Tuesday. That percentage is based on information gathered by the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement.

Voting on campus will be held between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. Tuesday in the physical plant located by park-



Chet Culver

ing lot B on the west side of the construction site.

To help voters make educated decisions at the polls and understand the issues that need to be discussed, here is a breakdown of some of the more prominent races.

Democratic candidate for governor

Chet Culver emphasizes creating "jobs of the future" for Iowa, including a minimum wage of \$7.25. According to his Web site, Culver also guarantees that high school graduates will be better prepared for



Jim Nussle

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Wartburg may receive Wellness Center grant

KATIE MEYER STAFF WRITER

Wartburg and the city of Waverly have applied to receive an \$813,000 grant that could be used to help complete the new wellness center.

The grant request was made of the Iowa Community Attraction and Tourism Program, an organization that supports the promotion of tourism in Iowa.

The grant requires that the city of Waverly provide additional funding, equaling \$1.8 million, to the wellness center project. The college cannot take receipt of the awarded resources unless the city is able to provide the additional grant-requested funds, according to Gary Grace, vice president of administration.

"We hope the city will have some sense as to whether it's doable within the next couple of months," Grace said.

It's not clear as to whether the additional \$1.8 million

can be allocated through city revenue and resources or fundraising efforts, according to Grace.

The city has already agreed to supply \$150,000 a year during the next eight years to pay for the new facility, totaling \$1.2 million. In addition, if revenue projections, generated by membership and additional fees, are not reached, the city has also agreed to pay as much as \$600,000 per year for eight years to compensate.

The grant would help offset costs, one way in particular.

"As part of financing the project, an additional fund-raised amount was included. This grant would help cover that portion of the project financing," Grace said.

Wartburg and the city of Waverly applied for the CAT grant earlier this year.

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Courtesy Photo

The Fray are Isaac Slade, Dave Welsh, Joe King and Ben Wysocki. They are mtvU's Uber House Band this week.

The Fray coming Jan. 10 Band kicks off winter tour at Wartburg

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The Fray, a Denver-based quartet, will kick off their winter tour Jan. 10 in Neumann Auditorium as Wartburg's Entertainment ToKnight's main event. Mute Math will be the opening act.

Tickets cost \$10 with a Wartburg student ID and will go on sale Nov. 27 at the infor-

mation desk, one week before they are available to the general public for \$25 each. Nicole Erspamer, ETK's large event coordinator, said about 1,100 tickets will be sold and funds will go toward offsetting the cost of the event.

The band's hit song "How to Save A Life" is currently in its

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Hi-tech tool used in class for evaluation

Qwizdom measures student learning

CHELSEA DELONG STAFF WRITER

Students who complete quizzes and tests in two lecture halls in the science center can now review their answers quickly and determine where their answers fall when compared with other class members.

The program, called Qwizdom, is currently operating on computers in two lecture halls in the science center.

Qwizdom is used by giving each participating student a remote control. The student enters a student ID number, linking the remote to the program. When an instructor asks a question using the projection screen, students type in their answers

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Accreditation team visits this week to evaluate quality of institution

AARON HAGEN EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Wartburg College is being reviewed for accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission.

A group of four administrators and faculty from various colleges will be on campus today through Wednesday.

The group began with a meeting this morning with the president's cabinet and will have various meetings throughout their stay.

Students will meet with the visiting team Monday.

"Interestingly, no faculty can sit in on the students," Jack Ohle said. "No administrators can sit in on anything. They [the visiting team members] want to have an opportunity to talk to a constituent group without any outside influence. I know this about any president. If a president is in a room, the dynamics change, and you don't want that to be part of the equation."

The purpose of the team's visit is to make sure the college meets the criteria for accreditation. There are five criteria the college must meet.

"College's and universities that are not accredited do not receive federal financial aid," Ferol Menzel said. "That's probably the overriding issue. It's also important in that all of us... need to occasionally take a look at ourselves and maybe have people come in and help reflect on what we're doing

and how well we're doing it. So the primary role of this is to basically look at the quality of the education that we are providing and are we doing everything we can to offer an excellent educational experience."

The first criterion is that the college operates with integrity to fulfill the mission through structures and processes involving everyone on campus.

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Courtesy Photo

ETK says they worked most of the summer to book The Fray (above). The concert is scheduled two days after Winter Term begins.

Fray song in top 10

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29th week on Billboard's Top 100 Singles.

According to ETK marketing director, senior Scott Kempel, the process of securing a date with the band was a long time in the making.

"We were trying all summer and into the fall to get them here," Kempel said. "Sealing the deal with a lot of larger names can be a process, but it is well worth the wait."

ETK increased their bid for the band this fall, added

Erspermer, who said she had looked at booking The Fray as early as last academic year.

Kempel said a new entertainment format has also been implemented.

"Our intentions in switching the format are to attract more people by featuring one (music) genre each month. People can look forward to attending," Kempel said.

November's featured format is "Rock Month."

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Expert
on Gandhi
to present
this week

JACKIE MANTERNACH STAFF WRITER

A scholar who has studied the 20th century passivist, Mahatma Gandhi, again will visit Wartburg's campus this week, a week declared peace week by Wartburg's Students for Peace and Justice.

M. P. Mathai, an expert on Gandhi, will present lectures on campus from Nov. 8 to 10.

Gandhi, who promoted change by passive resistance, was active in the withdrawal of Britain as a ruling power from India in the 1940s. He frequently was cited as having an inspirational influence on Martin Luther King, Jr. during the 1960s civil rights movement in America. Gandhi was assassinated in India in 1948.

Mathai visited Wartburg once before, in 2001, to explain Gandhi's perspective on passive resistance.

Mathai, who has researched Gandhi for 18 years, is now a professor and director at the School of Gandhian Thought and Development Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University in India.

He has written several books on Gandhi's views, including "Mahatma Gandhi's World-View," "Meditations on Mahatma Gandhi" and, soon to be published, "Gandhi, Jesus and Christianity."

"Mathai's visit inspired the revival of peace week, an event that used to take place on the campus years ago," Jen Wendland, president of SPJ, said. "Peace week will focus on nonviolence as a means of communication and protest."

SPJ will meet Wednesday at 9 p.m. in Knights Village Lounge for a quick introduction to the history of non-violence and talk about Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr.

At 7 p.m. Wednesday in WBC 214, Mathai will present a public address called "Gandhi's Response to Terrorism & War." His speech is co-sponsored by Dell Association for Peace and Justice and SPJ.

At 3 p.m. Thursday in the Konditorei, Mathai will have an informal meeting with students who are interested in asking questions.

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Technology provides instant information
Students can view sensitive information because of anonymity

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remotes. A software receiver collects signals from the remotes and creates a graph that reveals the overall distribution of answers on a screen visible to all class members.

According to Ben Bousquet, assistant professor of physics, this type of program is useful in showing students and instructors where the class understanding is.

"The point is, you can put it up on the screen," Bousquet

said. "[It's] instant feedback."

He also said the appeal of Qwizdom is its versatility. Qwizdom can be used to answer multiple choice, true/false and ranking questions, among others.

"It's easy to think of ways to use in class," he said.

The program is currently operating only in the science center, but Bousquet thinks it would be beneficial to several departments at Wartburg.

"You don't have to wait to give [students] a quiz or an

exam," he said. "[It could also] address touchy topics, because it lets students respond anonymously."

The idea behind Qwizdom is to enable students to actively participate in class and see immediate results.

Bousquet said he thinks students enjoy Qwizdom. Naiya Panchal, a freshman biology major, uses it in her biology 151 class and agrees with him.

"I love it," she said. "It gets me involved and lets me see

where I am compared to the rest of the class. It's a great learning experience."

The program is currently under used because it is little-known, or professors are disinterested, according to Bousquet. He said it could readily be made available to other faculty members.

The program was purchased last fall at a one-time cost through Wartburg's faculty development fund.

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Team reviews academics, faculty, facilities
Findings to be presented within six months; optimism expressed

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The second criterion is that the college's allocation of resources for evaluation and planning demonstrate its capacity to "fulfill its mission, improve the quality of its education, and respond to future challenges and opportunities."

The third criterion is that the college provides evidence of student learning and teaching effectiveness.

The fourth is that the college

promotes a "life of learning" for its faculty, administration, staff and students by fostering and supporting inquiry, creativity, practice and social responsibility in ways consistent with its mission."

The last criterion is that the college use its mission to identify its constituencies and serve them in ways that are of value to both.

Wartburg has prepared a self-study during the past year explaining the college

during the past 10 years. From that self-study and various meetings, the team will further explore certain areas.

The college will know the findings of the team in six to seven months, when President Ohle receives a letter with the report and a set of recommendations.

The team that will visit Wartburg consists of four people representing four different colleges and universities. Jack Rossmann from Macalester

College is the team chair. Mona Gardner from Illinois Wesleyan University, Karen Halbersleben from Northland College, and Richard Rankin from St. Norbert College also will be on the team.

Menzol said she doesn't feel the college will have any problem being accredited.

"I think we have a lot to be proud of and a lot of good news to share with this team."

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The Vowell brothers compete in one of their favorite hobbies—video games—in Chris and Jimmy's suite in Grossmann Hall. Kyle claims to always beat Chris during the last moments of games, and Jimmy usually finishes far behind in third.

Siblings enjoy proximity and financial aid benefits

MATT POPOWSKI
PEOPLE/VARIETY EDITOR

One might wonder what it's like having a sibling attend the same college. Just ask the Vowell brothers from Nashua, Iowa, who each have two. Or the Schmitt brothers who number four on campus.

How did this phenomenon happen? Both Jimmy Vowell, a senior, and Kyle Vowell, a freshman, became familiar with Wartburg's campus and community by working in the maintenance department while in high school, and Chris Vowell, a junior, visited his older brother on campus.

The Vowells aren't often recognized as brothers, however. Everyone has a different opinion about who resembles whom, Kyle said. And their characters are as different as their looks.

"We all have very distinct personalities, so we get along better," Jimmy said. "But that doesn't mean we don't get into



Matt Popowski/Trumpet

Jimmy Vowell breaks up a brawl between brothers Kyle and Chris in the Saemann Student Center.

fight.

"When it becomes personal, it becomes physical," Chris said. "And that's when I win."

"I'm always egging the fight on," Kyle added. "And when Chris raises his fists I'm out of there." Jimmy often acts as the

mediator.

Yet disputes are relatively uncommon. Jimmy likes having his younger brothers around.

"With being so busy, it's nice to have family on campus to stay in touch easier."

"If we can't find anyone else, we call each other up to eat," Kyle said.

"We're like the last resort," Jimmy added.

Of course, the brothers get grief from friends. In the Mensa they're often asked if the

"Vowell clan" is having a family meal. A positive response elicits an "Aww, that's cute." They just smile and shrug.

The Vowells' situation offers convenience to their parents. Their mom, Rose, often goes out of her way to buy or bake goodies to drop off at campus to visit them, Kyle said.

The Vowells, like others with siblings attending Wartburg, receive an annual one-thousand dollar sibling grant, which they argued should be doubled for them.

Jimmy said his dad, Jim, jokes about trying to get a "buy 2, get 1 free" deal for the brothers' Wartburg tuition. He often tried for this bargain while buying clothing for the boys when they were younger.

In fair comparison, the Vowells appear dissimilar, act different and, like a vowel on the Wheel of Fortune, cost a lot of money—tuition money—at Wartburg College.

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Editorial

Students' futures at stake at polls

Tomorrow is a big day for our nation. The polls will be open, and some major issues are at stake. While it is not a presidential election this year, the outcomes will be far-reaching. In Iowa, we are electing a governor, U.S. congressmen and state officials. Some major newspapers carefully analyze the candidates and select one to officially endorse.

At the Trumpet, we are not going to do that. We are not going to try and influence your decisions or tell you who or who not to vote for.

What we are going to do as the editorial staff is to tell you to vote. Don't be passive tomorrow during the elections. Vote, but don't do it without knowing the issues. Examine the issues and decide for yourself who the best candidate is.

The national trend for college age students is to not vote. Some may look at the elections tomorrow and not care because the election does not include a presidential candidate, but the people who will be elected tomorrow have just as big of an impact on our lives. Voting tomorrow will give you the power to help control our future.

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Letters to the editor

Tolerance, acceptance needed

"Coming Out Week" provided our community with positive opportunities for conversation, remembrance and education about GLBT issues. It was encouraging to learn about advocates who support both GLBT and heterosexual students as they grapple with gender and sexuality issues.

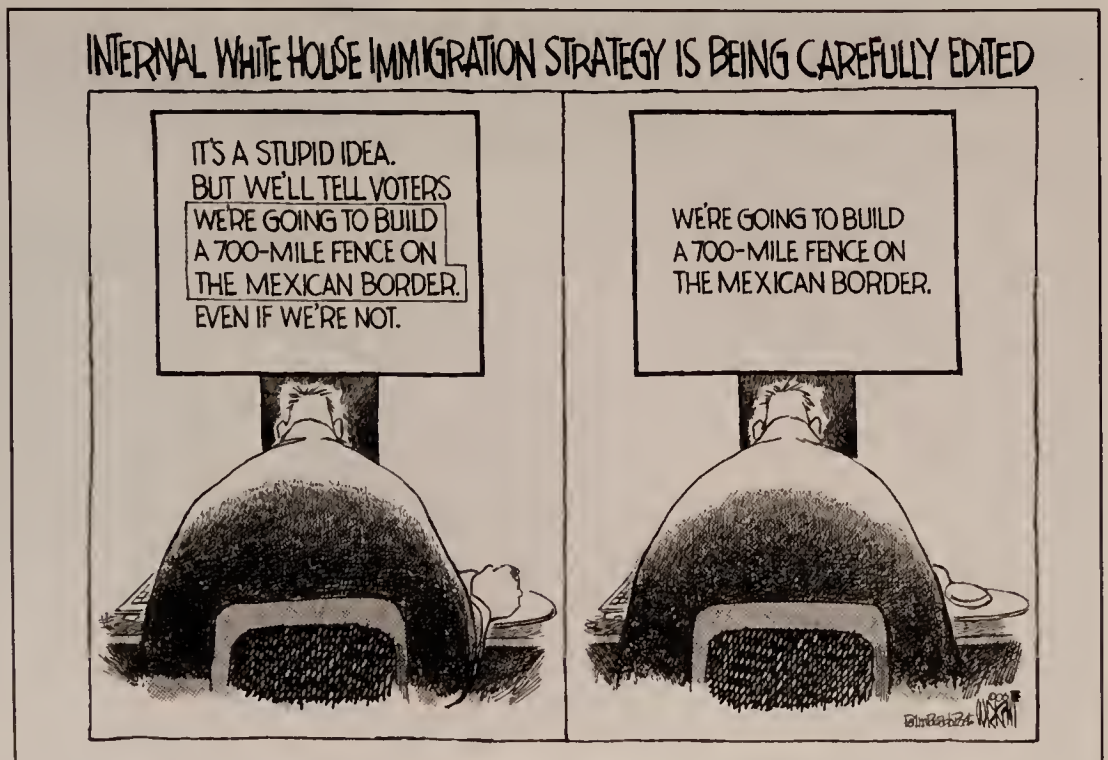
I was hopeful as a large group of people gathered for the candlelight vigil and rally Wednesday. We remembered Matthew Shepherd and others who died or experience violence because they are gay. We shared things we have learned on life's journey, and reflected on how our faith or life philosophy guides us.

I was disheartened to hear comments from students who passed by and felt it necessary to make derogatory statements. I was also discouraged to learn that not once, or twice, but numerous times during the week, public and properly stamped calendars of events and posters were ripped down and removed.

I hope future observances of "Coming Out Week" will find a growing number of students willing to sit down and get to know each other. As we deepen relationships with people and receive them as gifts of God's creative hand, it becomes much less tempting to give into feelings of fear or hatred.

I am grateful for all who planned, participated, and provided guidance for the week's activities and for those who continue to support the whole of our student population.

Pastor Ramona Bouzard



Seniors endure changes to enjoy better campus

AARON HAGEN EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The saying goes that you should always leave something better than you find it. Perhaps that is picking up a piece of trash in a park. Maybe it's even doing a roommate's dishes because they're by the sink.

As the class of 2007, I think we have definitely left something positive for Wartburg, and that campus itself has improved during the last four years.



When we visited campus four years ago, the student center was being built. The mail room hadn't found its permanent spot, and the info desk was still on the move.

During our freshmen year we endured the construction

of the science center. Two years ago we lived through the building of Lohe.

What is our reward? Now the new PEC is on the way. This means no weight rooms; no gym to play intramurals in; and no basketball, wrestling or volleyball events on campus.

If that isn't enough, tuition has done nothing but rise. In '03-04, with room and board, it was only \$23,630 to attend Wartburg. I say only. A lot of people don't even earn \$23,000 in a year, but I say only. This year, we're all paying just less than 30 grand. Next year, tuition will most likely be more than \$30,000.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not complaining about Wartburg. I really like it here. The construction has been tough, but we do have new, state-of-the-art buildings. The new PEC

will be amazing. But it's a little shady that we're paying more now for a product that is less than complete.

By the numbers the Trumpet reported a couple of weeks ago, 70 percent of the senior class is still here. That's a large number. Most of us bought into the idea of "Being Orange."

We have accomplished many things; whether it was through academics, extra-curriculars or athletics, we have been a successful class.

Coming to Wartburg, we were lucky. We didn't have to deal with the building of the chapel, the library or the football field. However, I can honestly say that the Wartburg we are leaving is a lot better than the Wartburg we committed to four years ago.

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Even if bored, students can beat political 'game'

MATT VOIGTS COLUMNIST

I don't watch a lot of TV. This is not something in which I take pride. I love my television, but these days I only use it to watch DVDs, albeit obsessively. I rarely find time to plop down on the couch these days and channel surf.

It's a shame, too, because I hear I'm missing a lot of nasty campaign ads now that we're in election season. If I had watched them, I might feel ever-so-slightly informed about the coming election.

Election day is coming on the heels of a study called "The Coming Crisis in Citizenship" by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute, which says not only is college not teaching us civics, but some students are leaving

knowing less about civics than when they entered. Of the 50 schools surveyed, only 30 had students who, on average, left with more knowledge.

On the test given by the institute—which contained questions such as the content of Martin Luther King Jr's "I Have a Dream" speech—even at the highest scoring institution, Rhodes College, seniors only scored an average of 62.2 percent on the test, barely achieving the grade of D.

Lucky for us, as it pertains to the upcoming election, our age group also consistently comes in last in voter turnout. Only a quarter of people younger than 30 bother to come to the polls, and that's during a presidential election.

There are a number of reasons to be dissatisfied with the American political process. It's boring. Campaign ads make

us feel dirty. What passes for debate is won by volume more than facts. As I've said, I know nothing about the candidates. However, by November 7, it is my civic duty to know more, so I had damn well better.

I say this because, if things are going to change, we have to beat politics at its own game. We have the government our country built; our politics are the way they are because America as a whole actively and passively bid it be so. To improve things, we're going to have to show the government we're paying attention. Voting is a nice symbolic gesture; it says we cared enough to walk across the street to decide how our country will be run. Of course, if we can't even manage that, then we deserve whatever politics may come.

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Halloween chaos hits bay area

Gunfire, brawls taint festivities; nine people shot in melee

PATRICK MAY MCT NEWS

While members of the trick-or-treat set devoted Wednesday to their personal candy inventories, dozens of Bay Area adults spent the day counting something else; stitches from stabbings and gunshot wounds or jail time for partying that landed them in handcuffs.

San Jose, which has had problems in the past with unruly crowds attending downtown Cinco de Mayo and Mardi Gras celebrations, did not throw a holiday bash and reported no major incidents.

In Santa Cruz, Calif., a 14-year-old boy and an adult male suffered non-life-threatening injuries after being stabbed in a gang-related fight, leaving a nasty blemish on an event that drew as many as 25,000 people.

In Fremont, Calif., a 17-year-old boy was stabbed twice in the abdomen while

trick-or-treating, an attack police said may have been gang-related. Witnesses said he and his friends were jumped by more than 10 teenagers while walking through a park. He was taken to the hospital and is expected to recover.

In San Francisco's Castro District, a gang fight that started with a thrown bottle and verbal back-and-forth ended in gunshots that sent 10 people to hospitals, though none of their injuries were life-threatening. Nine people were shot and another was injured in the panic. Two were hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries. The others were released after treatment. No one has been arrested.

The incidents spawned a new round of hand-wringing over public Halloween parties. The one in San Francisco was sanctioned by authorities; the Santa Cruz gathering was not.

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom declined to put the kibosh on future Halloween merry-making for now.

"Thank God no one was killed," Newsom said. "What can be done? Is this an event that has simply outgrown the area? Can we put ourselves in the position to allow something like this to happen again? Obviously the immediate feeling is no, we cannot."

"Things started off calm, but the vibe got weirder as more and more people showed up," said Aiden Douglass, a waitress at the Squat & Gobble Cafe & Crepery, where gunfire erupted around 10:30 p.m.

"I've lived in the Castro for seven years and seen the crowds get bigger and bigger each year. But the violence keeps getting worse. They need to stop it, because too many people are getting hurt."



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Former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein attends his trial in Baghdad.

Verdict: Hussein is guilty

JOSH DOCKUM
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was convicted Sunday and sentenced to hang for crimes against humanity in the 1982 killings of 148 people in a single Shiite town.

Advocates of Hussein warned that a guilty verdict would set off widespread attacks by his supporters,

who constitute a corps of the Sunni Arab led insurgency. The Iraqi government on Saturday imposed a curfew on all vehicles and pedestrians in Baghdad; in the provinces of Salahuddin and Diyala and in the cities of Mosul and Kirkuk.

Khalil al-Dulaimi, Hussein's chief defense counsel also warned last week that if the former dictator were found guilty, "The door of hell will open in Iraq; the sectarian divide in the country will deepen, and many more coffins will be sent back to America."

The curfew order enforced by the government worked in some areas but was ignored in others.

When judge Raouf Rasheed Abdul Rahman read the verdict, he ordered Hussein to stand; Hussein refused and judged ordered the bailiffs to force him to his feet. While the judge was interpreting the verdict against Hussein, Hussein pointed his finger in the air and repeatedly announced, "God is great!"

The verdict, according to Iraqi law, will immediately be submitted to an appellate court, which will issue a ruling within a month.

According to the Iraqi officials, prosecutors are preparing numerous other cases against Hussein, and the tribunal may decide to try him on some or all of the additional charges.

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Congo election brings uneasiness

SHASHANK BENGALI MCT NEWS

The climax of Congo's presidential election—the first free vote in more than four decades, hasn't exactly been the stuff of civics textbooks.

The top two candidates,

incumbent Joseph Kabila and former warlord Jean-Pierre Bemba, maintain personal armies, holdovers from their involvement in Congo's recent civil war. In August, after the announcement of voting results, the armies squared

off in the streets of the capital, killing 23 people.

Kabila declined to debate Bemba and Bemba canceled a major rally Friday for fear the crowds could spark unrest.

It's an uneasy finish to a yearlong campaign that's intended to close the book on decades of war, dictatorship and corruption in the country.

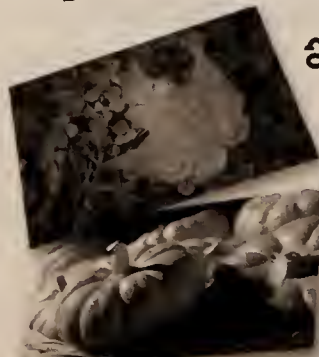
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Mid-term election issues include education, minimum wage and health care

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jobs or higher education, and that those who attend college will be able to afford and complete it. Other issues crucial to Culver's campaign include health insurance and more affordable prescription drugs.

Republican candidate Jim Nussle stresses "world-class education" for competing in the global economy and hopes to encourage students and teachers into fields such as science, math, technology and engineering.

Nussle supports raising the minimum wage and improving teachers' pay. He opposes the raising of taxes, and he opposes abortion.

Democratic candidate for Congress, Bruce Braley, intends to raise minimum wage and protect Social Security from privatization. He plans to investigate fraud

and abuse in Iraq, and he says he would promote turning the fighting over to Iraqis. His Web site also highlights his support of issues like securing America's borders, the Bruce Braley funding of stem cell research and the promotion of women's health and education.

Republican candidate for Congress, Mike Whalen, emphasizes presence in Iraq only until Iraqis are capable of "true independence and self defense," according to Mike Whalen his Web site.

Whalen also has a plan for health care reform that makes the care "personal, private and portable." Other issues

on Whalen's agenda include his support of immigration reform, renewable fuels, stem cell research and the defense of marriage as an act between a man and a woman.

Democratic candidate for Iowa's Senate, Bill Heckroth, plans to expand health care access and increase the minimum wage. Heckroth's Web site also stresses strengthening public schools, increasing teachers' pay and funding education from preschool to college. He intends to fight for economic development and crack down on big corporations that hire illegal immigrants.

Republican candidate for Iowa's Senate, Tom Hoogestraat, stresses local control in education and government. He also supports

legislation for alternative energy sources, according to his Web site. Hoogestraat plans to overhaul the tax system in favor of small businesses and provide tax relief for senior citizens, as well as economic development in the form of more jobs.

Democratic candidate for Iowa's House, Alek Wiperman, supports raising the minimum wage and promotes the Iowa Values Fund aimed at small town businesses. Alek Wiperman

also backs ethanol and wind energy as alternative resources, according to his Web site. Another key issue

in Wiperman's campaign is education improvement by providing for necessary technology and higher teaching standards.

Republican candidate for Iowa's House, Pat Grassley emphasizes raising wages for teachers and making sure allocations to schools actually go toward education. Grassley told the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier that he would support a \$1 increase in the minimum wage under the condition that small businesses are allowed tax breaks. He also supports current restrictions on stem cell research that emphasize using adult cells rather than embryonic cells.

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"Inspector" comes to the Lyceum

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"Inspector General," a political comedy about a town "going about life the wrong way," will be shown Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the McCaskey Lyceum.

The play is the first of the year with a full cast, and the production is about a town filled with brothels and booze drinkers. The citizens don't intend to change, until they hear word that an inspector is coming to town.

Instead of changing their ways, the town members

decide to bribe and pamper the inspector with money, alcohol and favors of all sorts.

William Earl, assistant professor of communication arts, has injected the play with some contemporary twists. The setting will be Iraq, and some of the characters have been changed. There are also cameos from recognizable political figures like George W. Bush and Dick Cheney.

Tickets are available at the information desk.

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Computer science major sparks interest with new "Rat Tracker" software program

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A computer science capstone project recently stirred up the neuroscience community.

Derrin Boerschel, a senior computer science major, presented a poster about his software program "Rat Tracker" at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in Atlanta.

Boerschel spent about 130 hours designing the program during Winter Term 2006, to help assistant professor of biology John Melville's neuroscience students analyze research data.

Melville's students use the Morris water maze to test the spatial learning abilities of rats. The rats are videotaped after

being placed in a pool of water with an underwater platform. Visual cues placed around the pool help the rats learn where the platform is located spatially. The rat is repeatedly tested to see how well it can remember the platform's location.

The students then analyze the video of their experiments. Previously, this was a time-intensive process. The students manually went through the film frame by frame. Analyzing one minute of film could take 45 minutes.

Boerschel worked closely with Melville and his students to create the software. His program tracks things like elapsed time and the distance the rat travels. The process

is now automated, so the experiments can be analyzed much more quickly.

Melville thought one of the best results was the communication and learning between the students.

Melville said the recent poster presentation of "Rat Tracker" was a success, and there was a lot of interest in the software. Small liberal arts colleges as well as larger universities like Johns Hopkins expressed interest.

Right now the program is very specific to the needs of Melville's students. However, Boerschel hopes to work on adapting the software for more general use.

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AUSTIN DRAUDE/STAFF WRITER

The closing week to Wartburg's volleyball season was a roller-coaster ride, involving doubt, suspense, and an extreme near-miss that ended the Knights' season in the conference tournament semifinals.

The Knights came out swinging with strong starts in their two matches at the conference tourney. They defeated Buena Vista in four games and nearly knocked off top-ranked Simpson before losing in five.

Ashley Rogers and Kelsey Steffens led the Knights with 14 and 13 kills respectively, against the Storm.

Wartburg started its week with a sweep over visiting Cornell on Tuesday, cementing a 5-3 record in the IIAC and the No. 5 seed in the conference tournament.

"For the most part, Cornell's not as big a team, so it wasn't like we were trying to beat a big block," Head Coach Jennifer Walker said. "We just had to find a hole and put it through."

Middle hitter Sheena Treanor said the choice between using hard spikes or quick sets at the net was simple.

"It depends on how big a block we have (to beat) in the front row," Treanor said. "We just have to see who we're playing against and what they're going to present to us."

The final game was a seesaw battle that saw nine Wartburg attack errors, three service errors, and a 15-5 Wartburg lead that quickly slipped away before Wartburg finally won.

The Knights end their season 17-19 overall, but only lose two players to graduation.

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Balanced offense sparks Knights

*Football team charges past Cornell; remain in second and hopeful for playoffs*LUKE SHANNO
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Head Coach Eric Koehler walked out of the press box with mixed emotions after watching his team roll over the Cornell Rams 41-7 Saturday.

Koehler had just finished listening to the broadcast of Central beating Coe in double overtime.

"It's okay," Koehler said as he walked out of the press box. "We're still in it."

Saturday was a big day for the Knights, as a win and a Coe upset over top-ranked Central would put Wartburg in a tie for the top in the IIAC and in good position for the Div. III playoffs.

Wartburg used a balanced offensive attack to gain 469 yards of total offense and had five players find the endzone.

Quarterback Dan Bauder went 7 of 8 for 134 yards before he left the game in the second quarter with a foot injury.

"Dan played the best game of his career right up until the point he had to come out of the game," Koehler said.

Back-up quarterback Nick Yordi stepped in and completed 5 of 8 passes for 62 yards in the remainder of the contest.

Wide receiver Brandon Vinzant was a big target as he brought in three catches for



Roland Ferrie/Trumpet

Wide receiver Justin Vetter drags a Cornell defender and stiff-arms another after a reception Saturday.

115 yards, including a 51-yard touchdown reception.

Running back Dan Hammes sparked the Knights ground attack running for 109 yards on 14 carries and two touchdowns. Hammes also eclipsed the 1,000-yard mark for the season for the second time in his career.

"It's a great accomplishment," Hammes said. "I've stayed healthy to get to this point and we have a great o-line that has helped me get to this point."

Running backs Josh Van Rees and Alex Boom also got in on the scoring action for the

Knights. Van Rees punched the ball in from one yard out and Boom rushed for a two-yard touchdown.

The Knights defense held Cornell to 231 yards on the day. Wartburg also recovered three fumbles, including two that stifled strong Ram drives.

Defensive backs Jason Lansing and Nick Noble led the defense with 10 tackles each while Josh Faaborg recorded an interception, which he returned for a touchdown in the second quarter.

"We battled really hard and when we needed to we forced

turnovers," Noble said.

Koehler and his team are looking for a chance at the playoffs, but know they can't look past the final regular season game.

"I think we have to be strongly considered as one of the at-large bids," Koehler said. "But we are getting ready to play an awfully good Dubuque team."

Wartburg hosts the Spartans in a 1 p.m. game Saturday.

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Cross Country looks for big performance at region meet

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for the title. Chenoweth was second in 24:23. Johnson took third, out-kicking Bohach in the final steps.

Next for the Knights was Andy Hodge in seventh, followed by Brian Mullenbach in 11th. Rounding out spots 13-15 were Kevin Balster, Luke Tjosvold and Tony Fischels.

With the region meet fast approaching, the Wartburg men say they are ready to put it behind them.

"Luther ran their heinies off," Chenoweth said. "They

came in with purpose. We need to go into regionals with purpose. There's a definite increase in intensity this week and the focus is back. We're good enough to win a region meet, so we need to do it."

However, the region features three other ranked teams including St. John's, Hamline and Nebraska Wesleyan.

"The top five teams are so evenly matched it's going to be a dog fight," Johnson said. "It'll come down to who wants it more in the last mile."

In the women's race,

Wartburg came in a big underdog to No. 13 Luther, and lost 68 to 22.

"I think we raced under our potential," Jill Wagaman said. "It's all about putting things together on race day, and sometimes it doesn't work out as planned."

Wagaman was first for Wartburg, finishing second to Janet Dobyns of Luther. Wagaman's time of 23:11 was six seconds behind Dobyns. Second for Wartburg and rounding out the all-conference performers was

Heidi Porter in eighth.

Although Wagaman says the performance was disappointing, the women are focused on the region meet which features seven ranked teams.

"We're letting conference fuel the fire for regionals," Wagaman said. "We're thinking more like a team by forming packs in workouts."

The Central Region Championship will be hosted by St. Olaf on Nov. 11.

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Soccer team clinches title in OT

Knights top Loras in thriller, clinches spot in NCAA national tourney

ABBY SHOWALTER SPORTS EDITOR

The men's soccer team is preparing to take on the rest of the country after capturing a berth in their fourth consecutive NCAA national tournament.

Wartburg clinched the berth after winning the IIAC Championship Saturday.

"It's a good feeling to be in nationals again, not many programs have that success. We've been fortunate to be one of those teams that makes it outright to the tournament," Harrison Kibombo-Lugujjo said.

It wasn't an easy victory for the Knights as it took a double overtime battle for the team to take the 2-1 win.

Wartburg got things started 16 minutes into the first half when Luke McClyman dribbled through the Duhawk defense and scored the Knights' first goal.

Loras connected on a long shot that sailed past Wartburg keeper Matt Shepard in the second half.

Kibombo-Lugujjo scored the winning goal rocketing a shot past the Duhawk keeper after a Loras foul in the second overtime period.

"In OT you look for every



Mark Adkins/Courtesy Photo

Forward Byung Yi passes the ball past a Luther defender during semifinal round action of the IIAC tourney.

chance that you have to put the ball in the back of the net. It doesn't matter in what fashion, as long as the net is shaking," Kibombo-Lugujjo said.

The Knights tied for first in the IIAC with Loras after finishing with a 7-1 record in the regular season.

Wartburg advanced directly to the semifinals on Friday where they knocked off Luther in a 4-0 win. Kibombo-Lugujjo led the scoring with two goals.

McClyman and Geoff Miller netted the other two goals for the Knights.

"I thought against Luther we played to our game plan like we wanted to; we got to play a lot of guys and rest up for the championship," Head Coach Jim Conlon said. "We didn't play as well as we could have as a team, but we'll take the win."

The Knights now face a 57-team field in the NCAA national tournament beginning

this week.

"I think we'll get to see more exciting soccer and see more out of our key players, along with more entertaining games," Kibombo-Lugujjo said.

Wartburg will play their first tournament game this weekend. Check www.go-knights.net for first round regional game information.

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Cross falls to Norse at IIAC meet

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With one mile to go in the Iowa Conference men's cross country race, seven of the top 15 runners were wearing orange Wartburg uniforms. However, six of them were also donning the royal blue and white of Luther College. As the runners came down the final straightaway, blue pulled away from orange, and Luther won 34-36, snapping Wartburg's reign of eight straight conference titles.

"We knew coming in that it would be a dual race and it would be close as the dickens," Brian Chenoweth said.

Last year, the schools combined for 11 of the 15 all-conference performers, and this year Wartburg and Luther finished with 13.

"We're the better team and should've won, but they raced tough and deserved it," Patrick Johnson said.

For the individual title it came down to Chenoweth, Johnson, Adam Bohach of Luther and Ben Grant of Loras late in the race. But in the last half-mile, Grant pulled away from Chenoweth

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Women end season in semifinal loss to Simpson

Knights defeat Cornell in first round; run into strong Storm offensive attack



Luke Shanno/Trumpet

Forward Amanda Clayton blocks a pass in first-round tourney action.

MAC SLAVIN STAFF WRITER

The women's soccer team traveled to Indianola to participate in the IIAC Championship over the weekend. The Knights made it to the semifinals where they suffered a tough loss to Simpson College.

The Storm scored three goals in the first half and the fourth-seeded Knights couldn't respond even as they out-shot the top-seeded Storm 17-11.

Head Coach Jim Conlon was proud of the team's efforts despite the loss.

"We dominated the opening seven minutes of the game and were pretty excited about how things were going and then the next thing we knew in the next 20 minutes we blinked and were down three to nothing," Conlon said. "I thought our team was composed, mature, and fought. Unfortunately, we

couldn't find the back of the net, despite out-shooting our opponent, despite out-classing our opponent and out-working our opponent."

To advance to the semifinal game, the Knights pulled out a 4-1 win over Cornell last Tuesday. Wartburg came out strong as they scored three goals in the first five minutes of the game.

Rachel Oswald started things off with two goals. The Knights then scored on two own goals by the Rams. As the game ended the fifth-seeded Rams snuck in a goal.

"We really came together as a team and set the tone in the opening four and half minutes," Conlon said. "Being up 3-0 that early is a little unprecedented."

Before heading to Indianola the Knights finished out their conference play with a game

against Central College. The Knights came back from a 3-0 deficit to tie the game 3-3, only to be scored on as the Dutch connected on a goal late to win the game 4-3.

The Knights received two goals from Kristin Beck. The third goal for the Knights came off of Britt Cogan's foot.

Conlon was sad to see the end of the season, but knows the team played with heart all the way through.

"This women's team had some peaks and valleys this year, but most importantly the character of the women to rebound day in and day out and to let the seniors leave on a high note shows the dedication the girls have," Conlon said.

Wartburg finished with a 4-3-1 record in conference play and an 11-8-1 record overall.

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